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Teen favourites

In this month's issue of *Teen Favourites*, we asked our readers to send in reviews of their favourite films from the last few years. Are your favourites among them? Read on to find out.

A Avatar – Jeff, 15

Teenagers who are into science fiction adventure stories will love the 3D camera work and animation that is used throughout the film *Avatar*. James Cameron had a huge budget of hundreds of millions of dollars and spent years developing a special camera system in order to make this film. The special 3D glasses that you need to see all of the effects make it a great cinematic experience. It's a long film, with a running time of nearly three hours, so be warned! The only negative comment I have is that the plot is predictable, but despite that, it became an instant hit with science fiction fans around the world. Cameron enjoys making epic films, and *Avatar* is no exception.

B The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King – Helen, 14

The most incredible thing about *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy is that all three films were produced at the same

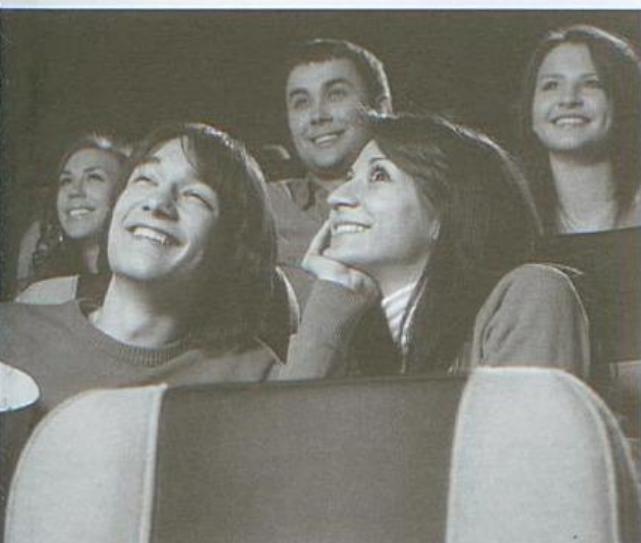
time. That's quite an achievement for the director, Peter Jackson. He was rewarded for his efforts with the Academy Award for Best Picture for the final film in the series. In fact, *The Return of the King* cleaned up at the Oscars; it won 11 awards and it's the only film ever to win every category it was nominated for. It doesn't often happen that a film is popular both with the public and the film critics, but this one was. Its phenomenal success is partly due to the visual effects that were used to create the magical kingdoms in the story. It's one of the greatest adventure films you'll ever see!

C Slumdog Millionaire – Lucy, 16

Slumdog Millionaire made me laugh and cry. It's so incredibly sad in parts, but when the hero eventually succeeds, you'll be overjoyed. This is the story of a poor Indian orphan who wins a large amount of money on India's version of the quiz show, *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?* It's a very clever film that uses flashbacks to explain how the hero, Jamal, knows the answers to the game show questions. We find out that the prize money doesn't interest him – he's only on the show to find his childhood love, Latika, who he hopes will see him on TV and contact him. In many ways, it's a romance, but don't let that put you off. It's a terrific film about hope and determination which won the Oscar for Best Picture.

D Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl – Mike, 15

The first in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* series, *The Curse of the Black Pearl* is filled with action and suspense. I'm a huge fan of Johnny Depp and I think he's incredible as Captain Jack Sparrow in the *Pirates* series. At the start of the film, you're not quite sure if Jack is a good guy or a bad guy. In fact, the whole film keeps you guessing about the characters and what will happen next. I love unpredictable films! It's also a fantastic combination of comedy and adventure with sensational special effects, and I think that's why it appeals to so many people. Even adults enjoy it!



Read the text again to find the following information. In which paragraph(s) will you find someone that...

describes the plot of a film?

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mentions the love story in the film they like?

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talks about films that are part of a series?

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mentions a film that has won lots of awards?

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